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SUBJECT:NATO AIR DEFENSE DISCUSSION WITH FRG

1. FRG MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICIALS, GENERALS BRANDT AND
ALTENBURG, EXPRESSED NON-COMMITAL INTEREST IN US VIEWS
ON PHASING IN OF NEW/PHASING OUT OF OLD AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS
PUT FORWARD ON MARGINS OF DPC ON MAY 17 BY DASD GLITMAN.
MAJOR POINTS MADE BY US SIDE WERE: (1) SEVERAL NEW AIR
DEFENSE SYSTEMS ARE COMING INTO OPERATION OR PLANNED FOR
NEXT FEW YEARS. (2) ALLIES NEED INSURE ADEQUATE AIR
DEFENSE COVERAGE DURING THIS TRANSITION. (3) WE SHOULD
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BE READY TO MOVE OUT OBSOLETE SYSTEMS AS SOON AS
PRACTICABLE. (4) US HAD PARTICULAR INTEREST IN AVOIDING
UNNECESSARY COSTS OF NIKE HERCULES SITE UPGRADING AND
BELIEVE PHASING OUT OF THIS SYSTEM COULD BEGIN IN NEAR
FUTURE, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS SUCH AS
F-15 AND ADJUSTMENTS IN NIKE HERCULES LOCATIONS WHICH
COULD INSURE ADEQUATE CONTIGUOUS COVERAGE WITH LESSER

NUMBERS UNTIL NEW SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES SUCH AS PATRIOT
ENTER INTO INVENTORY.

2. FRG OFFICIALS AGREED HOLD FURTHER TALKS WITH US ON
SUBJECT. THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MORE DETAILED QTE
TECHNICAL UNQTE LEVEL MEETING WITH US BEFORE RESPONDING

SUBSTANTIVELY TO US VIEWS. THEY SUGGESTED TECHNICAL
DISCUSSIONS COULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE JUNE 8-9 NPG BUT
AGREED IN ANY EVENT GIVE US A CONSIDERED RESPONSE AT OR
BEFORE THAT MEETING.

3. FRG OFFICIALS DISPLAYED NO UNUSUAL SENSITIVITY
DURING DISCUSSION,INCLUDING PORTION DEALING WITH NIKE
HERCULES.

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